



THURSDAY, - - OCT. 10, 1872

## The Recent Wholesale Murder in Missouri.

A Maryville (Mo.) letter of August 23, to the Missouri Republican, gives the following account of the confession and lynching of Osburn, alias Tanzer, who was recently caught at Clearmont with a wagon load of corpses:

The parties sent on the back track to see if any clue could be found to the murder, after inquiry and thorough search, learned that the deed had been committed in Nodaway county, one and a half miles north-east of Oak Grove, and some sixteen miles west of Maryville. The ground was covered with blood, and they found the false teeth of the murdered woman.

Sufficient evidence had now been collected to prove the previous statement of the prisoner false, and leave little doubt that he was the murderer. They then hastened back to where the prisoner was confined and confronted him with the facts. When assured that he had no longer to live, he said, with the most perfect indifference, "Proceed, gentlemen, you cannot hang a man but once." He was then asked to reveal the particulars of his crime, when he made, in substance, the following confession:

He gave his names as Tanzer, and said it was not Osburn; that his home was at Mount Ayr, Iowa, where he had a wife and one child. The parties he murdered were five in number. A man with his wife and two children, and another man, who was not married. He said they were traveling in a lumber wagon, and that they were returning from Kansas to Minnesota. He met them on Thursday, the 15th. Having no money, and traveling the same direction, they kindly asked him to join them, which he did. The wagon being large, they all, six in number, slept in it. The married man, his wife and two children, slept on a platform on the front of the wagon, while the remaining two slept in the bottom of the bed below.

Last Sunday night, they camped within half a mile of a house near Burr Oak Grove. At this place the wretch conceived the plan of murdering them and making way with their horses and wagon, their cattle (three or four in number) and whatever money they might have in their possession. After having murdered them, he intended to secrete them in the brush on Clear Creek, near by.

Satisfying himself that all were sleeping, he took a loaded pistol which lay in the wagon, and placed it at the head of the sleeping man by his side, and fired. He instantly killed him.

The married man, aroused by the report of the pistol, and thinking Tanzer had fired at a strange dog which had been annoying them during the night by barking, said "Good, Good!" The assassin immediately turned and shot him, and then jumped from the wagon to the ground. The wounded man attempted to follow him, when Tanzer seized an axe and dispatched him at once. The wife of the murdered man was now running around uttering fearful cries, and fearing that she would alarm the people at the farm house near by, he also killed her with an axe or club.

The two infant babies, aged three and fifteen months, now alone remained living, and it seems that he did not dispose of them until some time after the rest had been killed. When asked how he could have the heart to kill the two helpless children he replied that he did so with reluctance, but that when he had murdered their mother they annoyed him with their piteous cries, and being alarmed lest the noise should lead to his detection, he cut their throat from ear to ear, and thus completed his work of destruction.

After the confession had been made, two hundred determined men collected at the place where the prisoner was confined. The prisoner, having finished his confession, was bound hand and foot and taken to a black walnut tree. Tanzer was cool and collected, perfectly unmoved. A rope was placed around his neck, one end thrown over a limb of a tree, and then Tanzer was told that his time had come, and that ten minutes would be given him to make any last request. He replied that he would like to live to see his wife, and when told that his request could not be granted, he said he had no further remarks to make.

Many stalwart hands then took hold of the rope, drawing him clear from the ground, and just as dark was coming on last Thursday evening, Tanzer, the murderer, was launched into a struggle, and was buried beneath the tree on which he was hung.

The War Department, in addition to its weather signal system, is about to establish an electrical system, of storm signals in all the larger cities of the country, by which every magnetic belt can, by watching the signals on his chimney-top or ridge-board, tell just the moment when it will be safe for him to leave port (or champagne) for home. A black flag flying will signify "cross as a bear—typhoon approaching." A white flag—"everything is lovely she is asleep." A red flag, with white center—"look out for equals: baby just spanked." While a white flag, with red center, indicates simply "cautionary" measures on the part of the "old man," who can go home under full sail, but should reef his boots and douse the blunder lamp before going up stairs.

## Mixed Dates.

A funny scene occurred in the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, some years ago. Judge E. presiding. A man had been arrested for horse-stealing, and set up an alibi in defense. The defendant's main witness was an old farmer, named Buchanan. He claimed that the prisoner was in his employ at the time the horse was stolen, nearly a hundred miles distant, and consequently he could not be guilty.

The stealing was done on the 29th of October, and Buchanan had his book of accounts in court to refresh his memory. Mr. S., who represented the State, knowing the witness was both unscrupulous and ignorant, concluded to test his knowledge of dates, and cross-examine him in this wise: Attorney S.—You say that Mr. Ellis plowed for you all day on the 29th of October?

Witness (referring to his book)—Yes.

S.—What did he do on the 30th?

W.—He chopped wood.

S.—On the 31st?

W.—That was Sunday, and we went squirrel hunting.

S.—What did he do on the 32d?

W.—He harrowed in wheat that day.

S.—What did he do on the 33d?

W.—It was raining, and he shaved some axe handles.

S.—What did he do on the 34th?

W.—He chopped cord wood.

S.—What did he do on the—

But before the question could be finished, Buchanan's wife cleared the railing in front of the judge's seat, seized B. by the collar, and whisked him outside of the "bar," yelling in his affrighted ear:

"You old fool! don't you know that there are only thirty-one days in the month of October?"

Ellis' attempt at an alibi failed, as might naturally be inferred.

An examination of Buchanan's "book" showed that there were no entries made after the 29th of October, and that he had been drawing on his imagination as to the work done each day.

The Baltimore American gives the following laughable mistake of a lady: "In the southern section of the city, yesterday afternoon, about dusk, a lady was greatly annoyed by several urchins ringing her door-bell, and who, taking to their heels, enjoyed the joke immensely when she answered the summons. Several times she came down stairs, but was always too late to affect the capture of one. At last she planned a scheme. She stood at the head of the steps and awaited their coming. Pretty soon a step was heard on the porch, and in a moment the bell was given a vigorous jerk. "I see you, you little rascal!" the lady said, and, rushing down stairs, caught the unresisting figure by the coat collar, and gave him a good shaking. When her strength was nearly exhausted, and she was hoarse with excitement, she looked into the face of the object of her wrath, and discovered, to her intense horror, that it was the diminutive minister of her church, who was looking as red in the face, to use her pictorial description of him to a friend, as a boiled lobster. A few words of explanation made the matter all right, and it was soon forgotten."

We understand that A. J. Stroud, while digging a well on the old Hubbard farm, near Frankfort, in this county, at the depth of 40 feet and 6 inches below the surface, found a stick of Cypress wood, about 18 inches long and 2 inches thick, which was in a good state of preservation. He also found chips, shavings, and small pieces of wood, &c. at the same depth, and well preserved.—Benton (Ill.) Standard.

In England, recently, James Flynn was sentenced to be hanged for murder. He refused food from the hour of the sentence, and resisted all efforts to force it upon him. Occasionally he moistened his lips with tea, but swallowed none, and after twelve days of fasting he died—cheating the gallows by only twelve hours. His body was only slightly emaciated.

Two Irishmen were working in a quarry, when one of them fell into a deep quarry hole. The other, alarmed, came to the hole, and called out: "Arrah, Pat, are ye kilt entirely? If you're dead, spake." Pat reassured him from the bottom by saying, in answer: "No, Tim, I'm not dead, but I'm spacheless."

Two Keokuk (Iowa) maids arose at midnight to hunt mosquitoes and kill them with the lamp. Their night-gowns were not badly burnt, but the bed-curtains were a total wreck, and the man who ran to their aid still has his hands wrapped in blister cloth.

A baby lately had the misfortune to swallow the contents of an ink bottle. Its mother, with a wonderful presence of mind, immediately administered a box of steel pens and two sheets of foolscap paper, and the child has felt write inside ever since.

A Kentucky editor sent a large rattlesnake as a complimentary present to a brother editor, and one Michigan editor thus compliments another: "If I had a contract to deliver five hundred liars, and editor of—should not be accepted in full satisfaction, I would repudiate the contract."

Chicago is to have a million dollar custom house. According to the designs, it will be the most ornate and elegant of all the public buildings in America.

Two Russian editors have been sentenced to fine and imprisonment for having alluded in their papers to the rumors of the secret marriage in this country of the Grand Duke Alexis.

## Assignee's Sale.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will sell at the front door and east front of the Court House, in the City of Ste. Genevieve, State of Missouri, on

Wednesday, the 6th day of Nov.,

1872, all the right title and interest of Joseph E. Sauer, bankrupt, in and to the following described real estate, situate in the county of Ste. Genevieve and State of Missouri, to-wit:

Lots numbered one and two of the east fractional half of fractional Section four in Township thirty-seven, North of Range 8 East, adjoining United States Surveys numbered 2082 and 2091. (The same being the East fractional half of fractional Section four, Township 37 North of Range 8 East, containing 113.02 acres.)

Also, all the south-east quarter of the north-east quarter of Section 8, and all of the north-west quarter of the south-west quarter and west half of the north-west quarter of section 9, in Township 37 North of Range 8 East, excepting 19 acres and 15-100 of an acre, more or less, conveyed to Francis Joseph Kettinger by said Sauer and wife by their deed, dated March 27th, 1851, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, in Ste. Genevieve County, "Book 1," page 153, and excepting three acres, more or less, conveyed to Charles F. Carsow by said Sauer and wife, by deed dated August 8th, 1868, and recorded in "Book T," page 51, and excepting one acre and seventy-two hundredths of an acre, more or less, conveyed to John Schaefer by said Sauer and wife by deed, dated August 8th, 1868, and recorded in "Book U," pages 296 and 297—(containing 136.13 acres, more or less.) Which said lands constitute the home place of said Sauer, and upon which are valuable improvements, consisting of a two-story brick dwelling house, a Store, Warehouse, Stables and Out-buildings.

A Tract of land described as follows: Beginning at the south-east corner of Jos. Basler's track of land, (in U. S. Survey No. 2059, Township 37 North of Range 7 East, confirmed to Pascal Detchmendi, and bought by said Basler of Joseph E. Sauer and wife, by deed dated April 27th, 1867,) set a line stone North 56 degrees East five 90-100 chains, thence North 65 degrees East sixteen chains, thence South 65 degrees East fourteen 50-100 chains, thence North 57 degrees East seventeen chains, thence South 57 degrees East four 40-100 chains, thence South 52 degrees West forty chains, thence North 38 degrees West twenty chains, thence South 52 degrees West forty three 20-100 chains, thence South 38 degrees East twenty-six chains to the Establishment Creek, thence along said Creek with the meanders thereof to a point where the eastern line of said survey No. 2059 intersects, thence to the beginning corner; containing 417.50 acres, more or less. Situate in Township 37, North Range 7 East; on which said land there is a Frame Dwelling and Store Room, and a Barn and Smoke House.

A tract of land containing 50 acres, more or less, in said survey 2059, Township 37, North Range 7 East, surveyed as follows: Begin at the north-east corner of said survey No. 2059, thence South 52 degrees West sixteen 87-100 chains, thence South 35 degrees East fourteen chains, thence South 54 degrees East twenty chains, thence South 87 degrees East eleven 83-100 chains, thence North 38 degrees West forty chains to the beginning corner.

West half of north-west quarter, section 17, township 37, north range 7 east, containing 80 acres.

North-east fractional quarter and north fractional half of south-east fractional quarter, and the south-east quarter of the south-east fractional quarter of section 8, township 37, north range 7 east, and East half of north-east quarter and south-east fractional quarter of section 17, township 37, north range 7 east. Containing 307 acres.

Lots 1 and 2 north-east quarter, section 4, township 36, north range 7 east. Containing 192.40 acres.

South fractional quarter of south-east fractional quarter, section 20, township 36, north range 7 east; the same being the south fractional half of the south-east fractional quarter, section 20, township 36, north range 7 east. Containing 67.63 acres.

The north-east quarter of south-west quarter of section 16, township 37, north range 8 east. Containing 39.70 acres.

TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent. in cash, and one half of the balance on six and the other half on twelve months credit; the deferred payments to be secured by notes bearing eight per cent. interest, and deeds of trust on the property sold where the amount exceeds three hundred dollars, or where the amount is less than three hundred dollars, personal security for the deferred payments.

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Apples, dried.....	24
Barley.....	48
Beans.....	60
Bran.....	20
Buckwheat.....	52
Blue grass seed.....	14
Broom corn seed.....	30
Castor Beans.....	6
Clover seed.....	60
Corn on the cob.....	0
Corn shelled.....	56
Corn meal.....	0
Coal.....	50
Flax seed.....	56
Hungarian grass seed.....	14
Hemp seed.....	54
Lime.....	80
Millet seed.....	40
Oats.....	32
Onions.....	57
Osage Orange Seed.....	32
Potatoes, sweet.....	50
Potatoes, Irish.....	60
Peaches, dried.....	33
Rye.....	56
Salt.....	50
Stone coal.....	50
Lard (8 gallons equal 1 bushel).....	84
Sorghum seed.....	30
Timothy.....	45
Wheat.....	60

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and Saturday morning. Departs  
Wednesday.

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day and Saturday. Departs Monday  
and Friday night.

## Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Tes-  
tamentary upon the estate of Henry Janis,  
deceased, late of Ste. Genevieve County,  
state of Missouri, have been granted to the  
undersigned Jules F. Janis, by the clerk  
of the county court of the county of Ste.  
Genevieve State of Missouri bearing date  
the 14th day of September 1872. All per-  
sons having claims against said estate are  
required to exhibit them to me for allowence,  
within one year after the date of said Let-  
ters, or they may be precluded from any  
benefit of such estate; and if such claims be  
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September 26, 1872.

JULES F. JANIS, Executor.

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